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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Summer Safety Campaign 2003**

1. Summer will be here soon and we need to have our summer accident prevention programs in place before warm weather arrives. During the summer months, we usually see an increase in both on and off duty outdoors activities. Ensure that your soldiers are trained on proper preventive measures to combat the host of potential summer hazards.
2. Travel occurs more frequently and for longer distances during the summer months. Leaders must employ risk management and frequently remind soldiers of the preventive measures to avoid traffic accidents: driving sober, not exceeding the posted speed limit, wearing required motorcycle safety gear, and avoiding fatigue. If a traffic accident occurs, wearing seat belts may prevent loss of life or serious injury. Leaders must also stress recreational water safety (boating and swimming). Have your leaders frequently remind soldiers not to swim alone, in unauthorized areas, when tired, and definitely not to mix alcohol with water activities. Assist non-swimmers with swim classes. Other summer related subjects to focus on are severe weather preparedness and home and family activities (lawn care, running, bicycles, scooters, barbeques, picnicking, etc.).
3. Leaders must acclimatize soldiers to working and training in warmer temperatures to avoid heat casualties. Teach soldiers how to identify and treat heat injury categories IAW III Corps and FHR 350-16. Summer safety information regarding heat injury prevention; poisonous snakes, animals, insects, and plants; and other useful safety topics are on the Fort Hood MEDDAC website <http://www.hood-meddac.army.mil> (click on SOLDIERS, then Safety Campaign).
4. I urge leaders to browse the "Summer Safety Campaign 2003" web site on the III Corps web site (<http://www.hood.army.mil/>) under the "Phantom Safety" button. Demand that your leaders, particularly first line leaders, vigorously execute their responsibilities to ensure the safety of their soldiers during the summer months. Being prepared for summer activities can help us all achieve an injury- and accident-free summer for the entire III Corps team.

  
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